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	a repo	ort dealing with a complex of barracks	
	buildings located on the western outskirts of Vykmanov. The construction of this large complex of buildings, which includes a military hospital, prison, garages, and auxiliary workshops, was carried out by about 600 prisoners from the prison camp Vykmanov I and was completed in 1955. The barracks buildings are occupied by units of the Border Guard, the Interior Guard, and security organs connected with the Jachymov uranium mines. The location of the complex of buildings is pinpointed on a map overlay in the scale of 1:25,000, and a description of the buildings is given, along with a sketch of the layout.		
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New Complex of Barracks for Frontier Guard. Interior Guard and Sec Organisations at VYKWANOV in the area of the JACHYMOV uranium mine

History of the installation

- In 1952, construction of a new group of Berracks buildings for the Frontier Guard, Interior Guard, State Security and Public Security Organisations for the JACHYMOV mines was begun.
- The construction of this rather large complex of Borracks buildings, which includes a military hospital, prison, garages and auxiliary workshops, was carried out by about 600 prisoners from the prison comp VYKMANOV I. The building was finished in 1955 with the completion of the prison and the hospital. The Barracks had been in use since 1954.

2. Location (see sketch map)

- The new Barracks are on the Western outskirts of VYKMANOV, on the East side of the main JACHYMOV - OSTROW road; a railway line runs along the East side of this road. The Barracks are to the North of a side road branching off from the main road to VYIMANOV. (see A/B on skotch map)
- Prison comp VYKMANOV II, the VYKMANOV technical control section with repair shops for the JACHYMOV pit machinery (OIK), fed by about 10 railway tracks, and prison comp VYIMANOV I, with about 500 to 600 prisoners, are on the South side of the road, opposite the Barracks, which extend about 400 m along the road, and cover a distance of about 500 m North to South.

3. Purpose and uses of the installation

The Borracks contain quarters for the Frontier and Interior Guard, which occupy seven three-storayed buildings. The Interior Guard is employed on guard duty in the JACHYMOV mine installations. Guard is responsible for the security of the frontier region, for the frontier zone begins at the contral storage depot for machinery and geological offices, at the side road to PERMESCRUEN.

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- b) The police and state security (VB and StB) for the whole of the JACHYMOV region occupy two three-storeyed buildings, they deal with all cases of sabotage and espionage in the JACHYMOV mining region. The special security unit which accompanies the consignments of wranium ore sent by rail is also under the security authorities. Two trains leave the JACHYMOV region every day with wranium ore for the Seviet Union, and each is accompanied by a VB guard detachment of sixteen, who return to the Ferracks three days later. It is not possible to estimate the number of security personnel, but from the size of the Barracks it must be considerable.
- e) Up to the end of 1955, the hospital was used for members of the Interior Guard, the Frontier Guard, the StB, VB and also for prisoners, and until that date, there were some prison dectors, themselves prisoners, as well as army medical personnel. At the beginning of 1956, however, the medical personnel prisoners were transferred to PANIRAC prison in PRACHE, and since that time, the hospital has been used for army and security personnel only. The mursing staff and instrument sisters are also army personnel.
- d) The prison is a three-storeyed building with 294 cells, the ground.

 Theor of which is intended for military personnel. The second floor is

 for civilian employees of the JACHYMOV mines and interrogation

for any civilian amployees accused of satotage, espianage or any other offence. Civilian amployees from the FRIFRAM region, which is included in the IACHYMOV mining area, are also sent here. The third floor is for prisoners working in the IACHYMOV mines, and interrogations in connection with prisoners' strikes and similar occurrences are carried out here. The cells are single rooms, for solitary confinement only.

4. <u>Layout</u> (see sketch)

1) Fencing, double, barbod wire on concrete posts, about 5 m. from one another. The fences are about 250 cm high, and the distance between the two rows of barbod wire is about 2 to 3 m. There are searchlights and / guard towers along the fencing.

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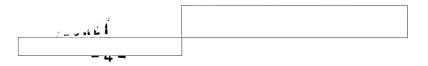
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- 2) Barracks, along the West side of the enclosure, seven buildings in all, about 50 x 18 m.
- 3) StB and VB for the JACHYMOV mines, in two three-storeyed buildings about 70 x 20 m., extending along the East side of the Barracks.
- 4) HQ offices for the Frontier and Interior Guard, in the North-west corner, in a three-storayed building, the Eastern half of which, about 50 x 18 m., contains kitchens, moss and store for provisions.
- 6) Prison, a masonry, three-storayed building about 100 x 15 m., South of the hospital, and containing 294 cells, about 120 x 250 cm. each, with a folding bod and table; the cells are about 240 cm. high, with a barred window 70 x 45 cm. The cells are on both sides of the building with offices and guard rooms between them which can be distinguished from the outside as they have larger windows. On the North side of the prison there is an exercise yard about 35 x 35 m., with a wall 250 cm high round it.
- 7) Underground shelter in Barracks, about 100 x 50 m., with two entrances, North and South, iron gates where a gurd is always stationed. The general outline of the shelter can be deduced from the metal ventilation pipes which rise above ground level.
- 8) Boiler-house, farro-concrete, raised above ground level, South of the hospital reception room, about 35 x 40 m. with a chimney about 30 m high. It contains six boilers for supplying all buildings with hot water and central heating.

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- 9) Workshops building for tailors, shoe-makers, etc, about 60 x 12 m., South of No.(8)
- 10) Store, probably for military equipment, South of No. (9) and the same size.
- 11) ARMA stores, serving the whole of the JACHYMOV region, a building the same size as No. (10).
- Garages and motor workshops, a group of buildings extending West of the entrance. The first building from the entrance is a garage for private cars, about 15 x 10 m. Beyond this is a garage 70 m. long, and at the Western end, and separated by a passage, is a motor workshop about 20 x 10 m. In front of the garage is a filling station with underground tanks. Most of the vehicles in these garages are cars,

many of them are parked

in an area on the West side of the JACHYMOV - USTROV read, opposite the end of the read from VYKMANOV.

13) Guard post and entrance to the Barracks at the South-cast corner.

Ine guard post is a ground-floor masonry building about 11 x 5 m.

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